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In re the application of: Andrew S. Greenberg	Examiner: Schmidt, M.
Serial No.: 09/690,647	Group Art Unit: 1635
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For: <i>Methods for Treating and Preventing Insulin Resistance and Related Disorders</i>	Docket No.: TUV-005.01

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Response and Amendment in response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2001. A Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time and appropriate fee are filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the application as follows.

In the claims:

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice, and replace claims 4-6, 8-10 with the following replacement claims:

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1. (Amended) A method for preventing or treating a disease or condition caused, or contributed to, by lipolysis or elevated FFA levels in a subject, comprising administering to the subject a pharmaceutically effective amount of an inhibitor of a [MAPK pathway] ERK1/2, a MEK or a JNK to reduce lipolysis, to thereby prevent or treat the disease or condition in the subject.
4. (Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein the inhibitor decreases the protein level of ERK1/2, a MEK and/or a JNK.

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